(d) whether Bio-fertilisers are proposesd to be introduced in a big way to reduce use of chemical fertilisers and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHIR SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) The sale price of chemical fertilisers is subsidised by Government.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) Government have already taken up the programme of production and promotion use of Bio-fertilisers such as Rhizobium and Blue-Green Algae culture under the National Project on Development and Use of Bio-fertilisers. These will supplement the use of chemical fertilisers on leguminous crops and wetland rice.

Upliftment of 'Kutia Kandh' Tribe

3054. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to take any steps for the upliftment of 'Kutia Kandh' tribe in Orissa;

(b) if so, the names of the different tribal Districts in Orissa where this tribe is living; and

(c) the amount spent on the Kutia Kandh development scheme during the last three years?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUMATI ORAON): (a) The Governmen of Orissa has constituted two Micro Projects as Belghar in Phulbani district and at Lanjigarh in Kalahandi districts for the upliftment of Kutia Kondh tribe.

(b) The Kutia Kandh tribe is found mainly in Phulbani and Kalahandi districts of Orissa.

(c) Expenditure during the last three years by the two Micro Projects on different schemes has been as follows:—

	(Rs. in lakhs)
(i) Kutia Kondh Development Agency, Belghar	13.52
(ii) Kutia Kondh Development Agency, Lanjigarh, (Constituted in 1986-87)	9.75
TOTAL :	23.27

Requirement of Man-Power

3055. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had formulated any perspective requirement of the country's man-power in the sphere of administration, fitters, plumbers, mechanics, electricians and such other trades where men with not so advanced academic attainment but with a short duration training can earn their livelihood for the next two years;

(b) whether the growth rate of demand for such technical persons has also been estimated and if so, the details regarding the different technical trades;

(c) the number of the trained technical personnel who are able to find employment abroad; and

(d) what is being done to improve and expand the facilities to increase the number of persons getting technical education?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI BINDESHWARI DUBEY): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) Figures relating to number of technical personnel obtaining employment abroad are not compiled.

However, the number of such personnel getting emigration clearance from the offices of Protectors of Emigrants are as under:—

1985	75,132
1986	51,134
19872	68,240

(d) Facilities for technical education are expanded with regard to actual manpower requirements either by setting up new technical institutions wherever considered necessary or by increasing the sactioned intake capacity in the existing technical institutions.

Merger of Labour Officer and Labour Commissioner

3056. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the services of Labour Officers and those of the Labour Commissioners were two distinct categories with varied recruitment criterion as well as qualifiactions, experience and job profiles;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Central Labour Service was created in 1986 wherein the services of these two categories were merged together;

(c) whether consequent upon to the merger, many Labour Officers have been made Assistant and Regional Labour Commissioner and some are placed as seniors to the existing Assistant and Regional Labour Commissioners on the basis of the former's seniority in service;

(d) The number of Labour Officers promoted to various categories of Labour Commissioner's office, and the number of standing orders certified, number of claim cases under Minimum Wages Act decided and number of industrial disputes settled by them since their assuming office; and

(e) how their performance compare with those of existing ALCS or RLCS?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI BINDESHWARI DUBEY): (a) and (b) The Central Labour Service was constituted by integrating various Group-A posts belonging to the Central Pool of Labour Officers, the Central Industrial Relation Machinery and the Welfare Organisation in the Ministry of Labour. Prior to Costitution of the Service, these posts which belonged to the three Wings mentioned above were governed by different recruitment rules. The qualifications, experience and age prescribed by the then Recruitment Rules is given in the Statement (*See* below).

(c) On merger of the three services into the newly constituted Central Labour Service, a provisional *inter se* Seniority list was drawn up. However, in view of an interim order of the CAT, the Seniority List has not been finalised and the promotions are being made on ad-hoc basis.

(d) Five Labour Officers are holding the post of Regional Labour Commissioner on *ad-hoc* basis. One Senior Labour Officer is holding the post of Deputy Chief Labour Commissioner (Central). The number of standing orders certified, claim cases decided and industrial disputes settled by the officers are not readily available.

(e) The performance of individual Officers who belonged to different Wings varies and it is not possible to comment on relative performance of each of these groups.

Statement

Prescribed Qualifications, age etc. for the post of Assistant Labour Commissioner (Central) prior to Constitution of Central Labour Service

1. *Age for recruitments*—Every candidate for direct appointment shall be not less than 25 years, and not more than 35 of age on the 1st day of January of the year in which the Commission invites applications. The upper age limit may be relaxed.